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"SELF ALIGNED, LOW CONTACT RESISTANCE, VIA FABRICATION PROCESS"

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## RESPONSE PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir;

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, please amend the identified application for patent as follows:

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees involved with added Claims and the like to Deposit Account No. 19-0033

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450, on October 16, 2003.

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